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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

VANDEBERG *et al.*

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FOR: METHOD FOR CURING OPTICAL GLASS FIBER COATINGS AND INKS BY
LOW POWER ELECTRON BEAM IRRADIATION

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May 2, 2000

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2000, please consider the following amendments and remarks regarding the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

~~13~~ ¹⁴ (Amended) The coated optical fiber of claims [1 or] ~~1 or~~, wherein said low power electron beam radiation is generated by an apparatus comprising a plurality of electron beam tubes, each tube emitting a stripe-like electron beam through an electron beam permeable, low-Z, gas impermeable window.

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